

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF MARKETING-MARKET NEWS  
P. O. BOX 44184-CAPITOL STATION  
BATON ROUGE, LA. 70804



# LOUISIANA Forest Products



## Quarterly Market Report

**Louisiana  
Department of Agriculture**

**GILBERT L. DOZIER, COMMISSIONER**

**VOL. XXIV REPORT No.4 MARCH 2,1979**



GILBERT L. DOZIER  
COMMISSIONER

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

This public document was published at a cost of \$0.1756 per copy by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 44184 Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804, under authority of Legislative Acts No. 217 (1940) and No. 57 (1948) for the purpose of disseminating marketing information. This material was printed in accordance with the standards for printing by State Agencies established pursuant to R.S. 43:31.

TIMBER CUTTINGS, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1978 WITH COMPARISONS

Sawtimber cut in Louisiana during the first eleven months of 1978 totaled 1,234,848,000 board feet. This volume represents an increase of 1.5 percent compared with the same period a year ago and is 25.8 percent above the 1972-76 average.

Pulpwood harvested through November 1978 amounted to 3,232,000 cords. Cuttings are running almost 10.0 percent above a year ago and are 3.4 percent higher than the previous 5-year average.

Additional timber harvested so far in 1978 includes 11,978,158 board feet of sawtimber and 12,428 cords of pulpwood under reforestation contracts.

MARKET SUMMARY, FOURTH QUARTER, 1978

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawlogs averaged \$170.20 per thousand board feet for the last quarter of 1978. This price represents an increase of almost 35 percent for the year. Hardwood species also sold higher compared with a year ago with increases ranging from 10 to 17 percent.

Pole prices were approximately 15 percent higher on the average compared with a year ago with most increases occurring in the last quarter of 1978.

Pulpwood stumpage averaged \$8.30 and \$3.35 per cord for pine and hardwood respectively. These prices represent an increase during the year of 17 percent for pine and 11.7 percent for hardwoods.

Wood Chips averaged \$14.20 per ton for pine and \$11.25 for hardwood F.O.B. sawmill.

During the October-December quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported. 1/

| Specie   | SAWLOGS       |                           | PULPWOOD |                            |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
|          | MBF <u>2/</u> | Ave. Price<br>Dollars/MBF | Cords    | Ave. Price<br>Dollars/Cord |
| Syp      | 8,805         | 239.40                    | 13,515   | 18.87                      |
| Mx. Hwd. | 64            | 50.00                     | 2,715    | 1.82                       |

1/ Does not include salvage and optional sales.

2/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

\* \* \* \* \*

AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER-DECEMBER,  
1978 WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

|   |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | <u>STATE AVERAGE</u> |                    |                      |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|   |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | Oct.-Dec. 1978       | Previous Quarter   | Same Period Year Ago |
| (A) <u>Sawtimber</u>  | ( <u>Stumpage</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> )   | ( <u>Dollars</u> ) | ( <u>Dollars</u> )   |
| Pine  | M.Bd.Ft.            | 168.85             | 176.40             | 179.35             | 146.15             | 1/                 | 170.20               | 167.90             | 126.10               |
| Cypress   | "                   | 53.35              | 60.00              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 58.65              | 55.55                | 59.10              | 44.95                |
| Oaks  | "                   | 47.15              | 51.46              | 44.95              | 44.15              | 48.00              | 47.80                | 47.80              | 40.85                |
| Gums  | "                   | 49.15              | 48.55              | 45.00              | 40.85              | 47.45              | 46.85                | 48.00              | 42.60                |
| Willow  | "                   | 43.35              | 43.00              | 1/                 | 42.50              | 48.25              | 45.10                | 47.00              | 39.25                |
| Ash   | "                   | 63.35              | 73.00              | 43.35              | 50.85              | 56.80              | 58.70                | 65.00              | 50.45                |
| Cottonwood  | "                   | 50.00              | 52.00              | 1/                 | 42.50              | 47.85              | 48.50                | 51.45              | 41.40                |
| Mixed Hardwoods"  |                     | 50.70              | 53.00              | 43.00              | 44.60              | 46.80              | 47.65                | 48.35              | 42.45                |
| <br>(B) <u>Sawtimber</u> ( <u>Delivered</u> )                       |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                      |                    |                      |
| Pine  | M.Bd.Ft.            | 214.75             | 224.15             | 226.60             | 193.35             | 1/                 | 216.65               | 215.25             | 167.40               |
| Cypress   | "                   | 110.00             | 131.45             | 1/                 | 131.65             | 114.00             | 123.05               | 126.10             | 99.80                |
| Oaks  | "                   | 98.55              | 111.65             | 102.00             | 105.00             | 101.55             | 104.15               | 104.70             | 90.85                |
| Gums  | "                   | 104.00             | 110.00             | 102.00             | 105.00             | 101.55             | 104.55               | 104.10             | 92.60                |
| Willow  | "                   | 100.00             | 105.00             | 1/                 | 103.35             | 104.60             | 105.15               | 103.90             | 92.50                |
| Ash   | "                   | 120.00             | 126.65             | 1/                 | 111.65             | 114.80             | 118.40               | 124.20             | 105.15               |
| Cottonwood  | "                   | 106.65             | 111.65             | 1/                 | 103.35             | 102.70             | 106.65               | 107.40             | 95.75                |
| Mixed Hardwoods"  |                     | 105.00             | 113.35             | 106.25             | 103.55             | 101.05             | 105.60               | 104.90             | 97.75                |
| <br><u>Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -</u> |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                      |                    |                      |
| 30-Ft. Class 5  |                     | 13.75              | 1/                 | 10.65              | 11.25              | 1/                 | 11.85                | 11.40              | 9.85                 |
| " Class 6   |                     | 12.05              | 1/                 | 8.35               | 9.80               | 1/                 | 10.05                | 9.40               | 8.25                 |
| " Class 7   |                     | 10.05              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 8.90                 | 7.75               | 6.45                 |
| 35-Ft. Class 4  |                     | 19.30              | 1/                 | 15.70              | 15.70              | 1/                 | 17.65                | 17.05              | 15.40                |
| " Class 5   |                     | 17.35              | 1/                 | 13.75              | 16.15              | 1/                 | 15.75                | 15.35              | 13.50                |
| " Class 6   |                     | 14.10              | 1/                 | 11.30              | 13.00              | 1/                 | 12.80                | 12.45              | 10.70                |
| " Class 7   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 10.55                | 9.30               | 8.55                 |
| 40-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 31.70                | 30.90              | 28.40                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 31.65              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 23.30              | 1/                 | 27.95                | 27.75              | 23.85                |
| " Class 4   |                     | 25.85              | 1/                 | 21.35              | 21.85              | 1/                 | 23.00                | 23.35              | 19.80                |
| " Class 5   |                     | 22.15              | 1/                 | 17.75              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 20.40                | 20.20              | 17.30                |
| " Class 6   |                     | 17.35              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 16.90                | 16.30              | 13.55                |
| 45-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 37.10                | 36.30              | 35.35                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 37.10              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 29.80              | 1/                 | 33.05                | 32.35              | 29.05                |
| " Class 4   |                     | 31.20              | 1/                 | 26.00              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 28.30                | 27.80              | 24.90                |
| " Class 5   |                     | 27.07              | 1/                 | 21.90              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 25.45                | 24.70              | 22.35                |
| 50-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 52.00              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 46.25                | 44.75              | 41.05                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 44.45              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 36.35              | 1/                 | 39.35                | 36.80              | 34.60                |
| " Class 4   |                     | 38.05              | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 34.85                | 32.70              | 29.95                |
| 55-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 54.95                | 56.10              | 49.45                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 45.40              | 1/                 | 46.80                | 46.75              | 41.80                |
| " Class 4   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 42.15                | 41.80              | 37.45                |
| 60-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 64.20                | 64.75              | 57.00                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 56.00                | 56.05              | 49.50                |
| 65-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 69.85                | 74.95              | 66.15                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 63.02                | 64.00              | 57.45                |
| 70-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 82.70                | 82.90              | 75.10                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 72.50                | 72.70              | 65.90                |
| 75-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 95.95                | 98.05              | 86.25                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 88.25                | 89.80              | 78.50                |
| 80-Ft. Class 2  |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 107.30               | 110.75             | 99.65                |
| " Class 3   |                     | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 1/                 | 97.25                | 98.60              | 86.60                |

AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER-DECEMBER,  
1978 WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

|                               | Area 1           | Area 2           | Area 3           | Area 4           | Area 5           | STATE AVERAGE    |                  |                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Oct.-Dec. 1978   | Previous Quarter | Same Period Year Ago |
| <u>1. Pulpwood, Per Cord:</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u> | <u>(Dollars)</u>     |
| Pine, Stumpage                | 8.45             | 8.70             | 8.50             | 7.50             | 7.65             | 8.30             | 7.80             | 7.10                 |
| Pine, F.O.B. Car              | 35.45            | <u>1/</u>        | 35.45            | <u>1/</u>        | <u>1/</u>        | 35.65            | 34.65            | 32.30                |
| Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage      | 3.20             | 3.70             | 2.95             | 3.95             | 3.50             | 3.35             | 3.15             | 3.00                 |
| Hardwood, Mixed F.O.B. Car    | 28.60            | <u>1/</u>        | 27.35            | <u>1/</u>        | <u>1/</u>        | 28.65            | 28.40            | 27.20                |

1/ Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but included in Statewide average.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement.

+ + + + + + + + +

